

Today's Advertisements.

PRESEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 3rd
August, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1158]

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"NAMOAH,"
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above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1140]

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Captain Baker, will be despatched as above TO-
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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1075]

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1124]

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1159]

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1161]

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1897. [1160]

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Hongkong, 28th September, 1897. [145]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1370]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1897. [6]

DEATH.

On the 15th inst. at the Yokohama General
Hospital, CAMILLE DE LASSUCHATTE, of Paris;
aged 28 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1897.

ILLEGAL TAXATION IN SOUTH CHINA.

We publish to-day a very interesting
budget of correspondence which has been
carried on between the Hongkong Cham-
ber of Commerce and Mr. BYRON BERNAN,
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton.
It appears from these documents that on
the 16th instant Messrs. ARNOLD KAR-
BERG & Co. called the attention of the
Chamber to certain notifications issued
with the approval of the Chief Director of
the Lekin Bureau in the province of
Kwangsi, the object being to give effect
to the decision of the Provincial Treasurer,
the Provincial Judge and the Director of
the Lekin Bureau to farm the "Cho
lekin" tax on matches and kerosene
oil to a syndicate with a capital
of \$300,000, and one Leung Kuang
Yuan is stated to be the head of the
syndicate. Messrs. ARNOLD KARBERG &
Co. pointed out that the notification of
the Bureau amounted to an infringement of
treaty rights and contended—and rightly
contended—that there was nothing done to
prevent native officials from carrying out
their scheme the free development of trade
on the West River would be checked and
an illegal monopoly of the trade in matches
and kerosene oil be secured to the syndi-
cate. With commendable promptitude the
Chamber of Commerce took up the ques-
tion, and in a letter, dated 20th July, to
Her Majesty's Consul at Canton adopted
Messrs. ARNOLD KARBERG & Co.'s views
and expressed the opinion that the mono-
poly would "render the Transit Pass pri-
vilege to a large extent useless." The
Chamber further stated that it proposed
to address Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD on the
subject, probably by wire, but before do-
ing so would be glad to have Mr. BERNAN's
opinion on the case. The latter lost
no time in replying to the Chamber and in
the course of a lengthy communication
stated "the terms of the concession virtual-
ly give the syndicate a monopoly of the
trade in these articles and to this extent it
is undoubtedly a violation of the treaties.
But apart from this, the tax itself is
illegal; it is called a destination or termi-
nal tax, but it is in reality an additional
import duty, and the intention is that it
should be collected from Chinese im-
porters as soon as the oil is brought into
the province, whatever its ultimate des-
tination may be." He then stated that he
had already fully informed the British
Minister on the subject and as a
question of tactics ventured "to doubt the
expediency of attacking the procedure in
Kwangsi when the same thing on a much
larger scale is going on in Kwangtung,"
where a similar tax is farmed by a syndicate
in the province; and within the treaty port
of Canton itself, where according to the
tariff kerosene should reach the consumer
after paying a duty of about nine cents
per case, a further tax of 30 cents is
imposed, and has been imposed for years,
without any complaint having been made
from any quarter. In reply Mr. R. M. GRAY,
Chairman of the Chamber, pointed out
that while the proposed illegal farm erected
in Kwangsi aimed at a monopoly of the
whole trade in the articles farmed the
Kwangtung farm "is established merely
for the collection of the lekin and taxes
without interference with the trade such
as is designed by the Kwangsi syndicate." And he added—and there are few
indeed who will not echo his sentiments—that
"the foreign trade in China generally
has decided cause for congratulation in
the watchful and energetic attitude now
adopted by its present consular and diplo-
matic representatives." Three days later
we find Mr. BERNAN in a position to inform
the Hongkong Chamber that he had
received a despatch from the Viceroy of
the Liang Kuang stating that the syn-
dicate entrusted with the collection of the
tax on oil and matches has been instructed
to suspend operations. This is highly
satisfactory, but it indicates that although
the cunning attempt to commit a glaring
breach of treaty rights has "missed fire"
yet there is no intention on the part of
the narrow-minded native officials to
shelve the scheme for ever, for Mr. BERNAN
says the syndicate has been instructed only
to suspend operations. It is comprehensible
that this may be another example of the
way in which Chinese officials endeavour
to back down with as little loss of "face"
as possible, but the fact of high officials
being concerned in the affair and of the
Viceroy of Liang Kuang being privy
thereto demonstrates the necessity for a
very sharp watch on their movements, and
the advisability of the Tsungli Yamen
being again induced to cause the Viceroy
to have proclamations issued in the two
Kwang provinces setting forth in the most
explicit manner possible the conditions
under which, in virtue of the provisions of
the treaties, trade may be carried on in
the southern provinces of the Empire. If the
Chinese cannot comprehend the enormous
advantages that are bound to result from
the due fulfilment of treaty obligations
they are to be pitied; but it is clearly the
duty of the foreign Governments to see to
it that attempts to "kill the goose that lays
the golden eggs" shall be frustrated even
although it is impossible to teach the
Chinese that the best way to get the gold
is to give the goose the most perfect
freedom.

TELEGRAMS. REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.
LONDON, July 26th.

The New York Herald states that the reply
of Japan to Senator Sherman's note, replying to
the original Japanese protest against the
annexation of the Hawaiian Islands by the
United States, indicates that Japan will continue
to wage a diplomatic war, and may possibly
go further, to prevent the annexation. The
reply further states that it is impossible for
Japan to acquiesce in the probable consequences
of the extinction of the Hawaiian sovereignty.
It is believed in New York that this only
means a rupture of relations and not war.

GERMANY.

The Prussian Lower House has, by a ma-
jority of four, a second time rejected a stringent
Government Bill for amending the law for
empowering the police to disperse public
meetings.

(From Kobe Chronicle.)

THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION.

TOKIO, July 17th.
Dispatches from Mr. Shimamura, the Japanese
Minister at Honolulu, were received yesterday
at the Foreign Office. The following is reported
to be the gist of the Minister's report:—

Mr. Shimamura demanded a definite answer
from the Hawaiian Government to the Japanese
demands by the 25th ult., but failed to obtain a
satisfactory reply. Thereupon he had an interview
with Mr. Smith, the Hawaiian Minister for Finance,
in which he took up a decisive attitude. Mr.
Smith appeared somewhat dismayed at this, and
asked the Japanese Minister to communicate
with President Dole. Mr. Shimamura there-
fore saw the President, who stated that he
proposed to ask that the questions at issue be
submitted to arbitration, and suggested that
Mr. Shimamura should request his Government
to accede to this course. The proposal for
arbitration was officially communicated to Mr.
Shimamura on the 25th ult. by Mr. Cooper,
the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Councillor
Akikuma has therefore postponed his departure
until the receipt of further instructions from
Canton Okuma.

It appears that the Japanese Government has
not yet made up its mind concerning the pro-
posal of the Hawaiian Government, and a
special Cabinet Council will probably be called
to discuss the question. It is believed, how-
ever, that the Ministry is inclined to accept the
proposal to submit the dispute to arbitration.

(Official Telegram.)

WASHINGTON, July 16th.
The Committee on Foreign Affairs in the
U.S. Senate reported to the House on the 14th
inst. on the proposed Hawaiian Annexation
Treaty, recommending the adoption of the measure.

It is, however, not expected that the
Senate will discuss the Treaty during the present
Session.

[The above telegram was received by the
Government from Mr. Fechl, the Japanese
Minister at Washington.]

(Special to the Japan Mail.)

WRECK OF A WHALING VESSEL.

HAKODATE, July 14th.
The American whaling barque Cape Horn
Pigeon was stranded outside the harbour. The
wreck is rapidly breaking up, but a portion of
the valuable cargo of sperm oil is being salvaged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FOLL' RD'S Opera Co. to-morrow night.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.40 per £.

THE U.S.S. Yorktown arrived at Nagasaki on
the 21st inst. from Kobe.

ANOTHER fall in the value of the once
"almighty dollar." To-day it is quoted at
1s. 10½d. per \$.

LIEUT.-COL. D. S. CONINGHAM, 1st Punjab
Cavalry, has been appointed Road Commandant
with the Tchi Field Force.

Two foreign experts to be employed at the
Japanese Government Iron Foundry are reported
to have been engaged in Germany.

AUSTRIA has ordered from Yarrow's four first-
class torpedo-boats. They are to be larger than
the Viper type and are to steam 28 knots.

THE Foochow correspondent of the Shanghai
Shenpo reports that the bubonic plague in the
native city and suburbs is most serious and that
people are dying very rapidly. The centre of
the plague is in the vicinity of the Tartar Gold-
house.

LIEUT.-GENERAL Noel, Governor-General of
Formosa, now staying in Tokio, will, it is said,
return to Formosa early next month, by which
time it is thought all matters concerning the
Formosan administration will have been
arranged by the Central Authorities.

THE torpedo-destroyers Earnest and Griffin
had their three hours' speed trials May 24th and
June 1st, and developed speeds of 30.12 and
30.15 respectively. These boats were built by
Palmer & Co., Yarrow-of-Tyne, and the firm has
turned out nine of these crafts for the British
navy during the past year.

A TELEGRAM received at Tokio on the 18th inst.
from Tientsin states that Mr. Mizuo, Director of
the Administrative Bureau, Mr. Yamaguchi,
Director of the Finance Department, and Mr.
Dol, Director of the Communications Depart-
ment, Formosa, sent in their resignations on the
17th inst. and many other officials followed
their example.

MESSRS. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON,
General Managers of Oliver's Freehold Mines,
Limited, and the New Balmoral Gold Mining
Co., Limited, report that a crushing of 150
tons of Eureka quartz has yielded 1 1/2 ounces
of the ton. Good progress is being made. Queens
shaft is sunk to a depth of 275 feet.

FRISCO papers received by the City of Rio
yesterday contain announcements to the effect
that at New York on the 24th June Peter Maher
and Tom Sharkey were finally matched to fight
to a finish. The representatives of the "sloggers"
each deposited \$2,500 to bind the match, and
on the 28th August another deposit of \$2,500
each is to be handed to Mr. Richard K. Fox,
who is the stakeholder. The battle is to come
off before the 3rd November.

GARRISON Sergeant-Major Newberry is anxious
to find an owner for a new Royal Standard left
at Happy Valley during the late Naval and
Military review. An old one belonging to the
Military Authorities has been taken away, and if
the person who has it will communicate with the
Garrison Sergeant-Major he will get the new one
returned.

The Tchi Field Force is moving against
the Mada Khels. Several of our sentries have
been shot by the tribesmen, who have also
attacked a convoy. The Argyll and Sutherland
Highlanders have lost several men through sun-
stroke, but all is going well with the Rifle
Brigade. It is not yet known whether the tribes
will join their neighbours in fighting the British
or not. Captain W. D. Gordon, of the 36th
Sikhs, has been murdered at Peshawar, in the
Kurram Valley, by a sepooy, who had run amok.

MANY foreigners, especially the survivors of the
ill-fated P. and O. steamer Boshara, who
experienced his kind hospitality and care, will
be sorry to hear of the sudden death at North
Tungchow on the 30th of June last, through
apoplexy, of General Wuh Hung-lo, formerly
Frigadier General of the Pescadore Islands.

About two years after the Boshara disaster
General Wuh was transferred to a similar
post at Yunnan in Hupah province. When
Peking was threatened with a
Japanese invasion the late General was trans-
ferred to the Chief Command of the North
Tungchow Military Circuit of Chihli province, a
post of great honour and importance in those
days, as one of the guardians of the sacred Im-
perial capital. The late General leaves three
sons, one of whom has attained high literary rank
while the eldest son, we believe, holds a Taoist's
rank in Chihli province.—N. C. Daily News.

It is reported (says the Kobe Chronicle) that the
Mitsui Bishi Company has under consideration
a scheme for building a shipbuilding yard in
the vicinity of Kobe that will be large enough
to construct a war vessel of the size of the Fuji.
Mr. Kikamori Parumichi, one of the principal
officials of the Company, recently arrived in
Kobe and said to have entered upon ne o at-
tions for the purchase of the Wado shir' and the
grounds attached thereto, amounting to some
1,500 rudo [atsubo is 1,093 sq. yds.] To this will
be added the promise of the Wado Warehouse
Co., for which it is said the Mitsui Bishi offers
45,000 yen, and also other property adjoining.
The paid-up capital of the Warehouse Co. is
177,500 yen so that if the figures given are cor-
rect the Company will make a large profit by
selling. The Government is said to have sug-
gested the undertaking to the Mitsui Bishi,
which finds its works at Nagasaki too limited
and they locally unsuitable for expansion.

CONSIDERABLE damage was done by the thunder-
storm which passed over Shanghai on the night
of the 20th inst. In West Hongkong 24 native
houses collapsed causing the death of two men,
and injuries to ten others, eight of whom
sustained very severe but not fatal injuries in
the same locality fell in on the 21st inst., but
fortunately without causing injury to any one.
The roofs of two tea shops in Canton Road fell
in, slightly injuring several people. One of the
flagstays in front of the temple of the Queen of
Heaven in the North Honan Road was struck
by lightning, which scored and ripped the wood
from top to bottom, but the stone pedestal in
which it is set escaped without injury. During
the storm the electric lights throughout the
settlement suddenly went out for a fraction of a
second and the electric bells in many houses
were thrown out of order and would not
ring.—N. C. Daily News.

SHEN XING-HU, the local Chief Manager of the
China Merchants', who was appointed Taoist of
North Tungchow, last year, but who has not
been able to leave for his new post, has recently
received urgent orders from the Board of Civil
Appointments to hasten his journey up North to
his post, and will therefore leave Shanghai very
shortly. Mr. Shen's successor it was at first
thought would be Wong Fan-ning (Huang Chen-
yuan) the Tientsin Manager and brother of
Sung Hsuan-hual, but according to the
N. C. Daily News' native correspondent at
Peking, the Viceroy Wang of Tientsin has re-
commended to the Throne for this office Ku
Chao-hai who, previous to the handing over
of Formosa to the Japanese, held the
dual post of Provincial Judge and Taoist at
Taipei, Formosa. His Excellency is a native
of Seochow, and since the war has lived in
retirement in the country market town of Mado,
some twenty-five miles outside Seochow city.

The new manager, it is learned from enquiries
made here, is expected to arrive to take over
his duties within the next three weeks or so.

THE report of the Committee regarding British
Kowloon College was submitted to a meeting of
the inhabitants of Kowloon held last evening in
the Hon. C. P. Chater's bungalow. Mr. H. J.
Palmes presided, and at his request Mr. T. H.
Reid gave

